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Responsible Office: BF / Financial Operations Division

Subject: Approval of Early Payment to Contractors Under the Prompt Payment Act

1. POLICY

NASA shall make invoice payments subject to the Prompt Payment Act to vendors no more than 7 days prior to the payment due date, unless a determination is made, on a case-by-case basis for specific payments, that earlier payment is necessary. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer (Finance) (DCFO)(F)) shall use this authority cautiously, weighing the benefits to the Government. Written determinations to approve early payments shall be retained in the payment file.

2. APPLICABILITY

This NPD is applicable to NASA Headquarters and NASA Centers, including component facilities.

3. AUTHORITY

- a. 31 U.S.C 3903, as amended.
- b. 5 CFR Part 1315, Prompt Payment, Final Rule

4. REFERENCE

NASA Financial Management Manual (FMM) Section 9051-7.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

The DCFO(F) at each Center is authorized to approve early payments.

6. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The authority to approve early payment may not be redelegated.

7. MEASUREMENTS

Centers will report the number and dollar value of approved early payments

in their Annual Report of Payment Activities, as required by FMM 9385.

8. CANCELLATION

NPD 7410.5B dated December 19, 1996.

/s/ Daniel S. Goldin
Administrator

ATTACHMENT A: (TEXT)

None.

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None.

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